

MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Director

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SUBJECT: Implementation of NSDD-19

1. The proposed implementation of NSDD-19, provided by the Executive Secretary, NFIC/NFIB on 3 March 1982, has been reviewed. In general, the implementation procedures appear to be sound and consistent with current security practices.

2. There are certain specific items upon which you may wish to comment:

- Access Procedures

The directive to immediately review access and dissemination practices, while sound from a security standpoint, may be viewed negatively in the Community. Most managers of access programs probably consider that they maintain continuing oversight over access and dissemination practices and procedures.

- Cover Sheets

The draft, as written, may require the redesign of cover sheets currently employed for Sensitive Compartmented Information (SCI).

- Personal Accountability

The initiative to require those with access to SCI to sign a nondisclosure agreement with a specific requirement for prepublication review should be supported.

- Contacts with the News Media

The phrasing of this passage could be construed as an attempt to prohibit all contact with the media and will probably encounter difficulty in the Community. It might be preferable to confine the requirement to mandating advance SIO approval or concurrence for news media contact. There should also be a requirement for after-the-fact reporting of contacts which may have been unavoidable. The prohibition of the discussion of classified information in any contact with the news media, of course, should be strongly supported.

3. If any further comment is desired, please advise me.

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